BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:)
MICHAEL JAMES REYNOLDS, M.D. Certificate # A-23823) File No: 09-91-15357
Respondent.)))
	AND ORDER
Quality of the Medical Board of California California, as its Decision in the above-entitle	is hereby adopted by the Division of Medical a, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of led matter.
This Decision shall become effective of	on <u>May 20, 1996</u> .
DATED April 19, 1996	
	DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation) No. 09-91-15357 Against:
12) OAH No. L9502074 MICHAEL JAMES REYNOLDS. M.D.)
13	Visalia Health Center) STIPULATION
14	Physician's & Surgeon's
15	Certificate No. A23823)
16	Respondent.)
17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Michael James
18	Reynolds, M.D., the respondent in this matter, by and through his
19	attorney, George Strasser, and Ronald Joseph, as Executive
20	Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of
21	Consumer Affairs, by and through his attorney, Mara Faust, Deputy
22	Attorney General, that the following matters are true:
23	1. On August 7, 1995, the Medical Board of California
24	filed Amended Accusation No. 09-91-15357 against Michael James
25	Reynolds, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent").
26	2. The complainant in the Accusation, Doug Laue, was
27	the Acting Executive Director of the Board and brought the
28	Accusation in his official capacity only.

3. Respondent has retained as his attorney, George Strasser. Respondent has discussed with his counsel the charges and allegations and violations of the California Business and Professions Code alleged in the Amended Accusation, and has been fully advised of his rights to hearing on the charges and allegations contained in Amended Accusation No. 09-91-15357, his right to reconsideration and appeal, and all other rights afforded to him under California Code of Regulations (Gov. Code, § 11370, et seq.) and the laws of the State of California.

- 4. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily waives his rights to a hearing on the charges and allegations contained in the above-mentioned Amended Accusation in order to enter into this Stipulation and Waiver and that he further agrees to waive his right to reconsideration, judicial review, and any and all rights which may be accorded him by the Administrative Procedure Act and the laws of the State of California, except his right to petition for termination or modification of probation pursuant to Government Code section 11522.
- 5. All admissions of fact and conclusions of law contained in this Stipulation are made exclusively for this proceeding and any future proceedings between the Board and the respondent, but not otherwise, and shall not be deemed to be admissions for any purpose in any other administrative, civil or criminal action, forum or proceeding.
- 6. Respondent's license history and status as set forth at paragraph 2 of the Amended Accusation are true and correct and respondent's address of record is as set forth in the caption of this Stipulation and Waiver. (A copy of the Amended

Accusation No. 09-91-15357 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

7. For purposes of the settlement of the action pending against respondent in case No. L950274 and to avoid a lengthy administrative hearing, respondent admits there is a factual and legal basis for the imposition of disciplinary action against him pursuant to some of the allegations of Amended Accusation No. 09-91-15357. Respondent admits that as to the first, second and fourth causes of action he violated Business and Professions Code sections 2234(b) and 2234(c).

- 8. Respondent further admits he failed to adequately review the EFM strip and failed to perform a timely cesarian section on the patient A.F. Respondent further admits that he improperly used a vacumer tractor on A.M.'s fetus and failed to adequately interpret the fetal heart monitor strip from A.M.'s fetus. Respondent also allowed patient B.S. to stay fully dilated in second stage pregnancy for five hours.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges that he shall not be permitted to withdraw from this stipulation unless it is rejected by the Medical Board of California.
- 10. It is acknowledged by all parties hereto that this stipulation constitutes an offer in settlement to the Medical Board of California and is not effective until adoption by the Board. In the event this stipulation is not adopted by the Board, nothing herein recited shall be construed as a waiver of respondent's rights to a hearing or as an admission of the truth of any of the matters charged in the Amended Accusation.
- 11. IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that the Medical Board of California, upon its approval of the Stipulation

and Waiver herein set forth, may without further notice, prepare a decision and enter the following order, whereby Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. A-23823 issued to respondent Michael James Reynolds, M.D., by the Medical Board of California, is hereby revoked; provided, however, that execution of this order of revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for a period of seven (7) years, upon the following terms and conditions. Within 15 days after the effective date of this decision, the respondent shall provide the Division, or its designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended or where respondent is employed to practice medicine and on the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is extended to respondent. terms and conditions are as follows:

A. ACTUAL SUSPENSION

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As part of probation, respondent is suspended from the practice of medicine for 30 days, beginning the thirtieth (30th) day after the effective date of this decision.

B. PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION

It is acknowledged that respondent has already undergone a neuropsychiatric evaluation by Richard Adams, Ph.D., who has furnished an evaluation to the diversion program. Respondent agrees to submit to further evaluations (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a Division-appointed psychiatrist, who shall furnish an evaluation report to the Division or its designee if required by the

Division. The respondent shall pay the cost of the psychiatric evaluation.

If respondent is required by the Division or its designee to undergo psychiatric treatment, respondent shall within 30 days of the requirement notice submit to the Division for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychiatrist of respondent's choice. Respondent shall undergo and continue psychiatric treatment until further notice from the Division or its designee. Respondent shall have the treating psychiatrist submit quarterly status reports to the Division or its designee indicating whether the respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

C. PSYCHOTHERAPY

It is acknowledged that respondent has been treated for three years by a psychotherapist, Paul C. Bennett, L.C.S.W., approved by the Diversion program. If required by the Division, respondent shall submit for prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychologist of respondent's choice. Upon approval of either the L.C.S.W. or a psychologist, respondent shall undergo and continue treatment until the Division or its designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary. Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the Division or its designee. The Division or its designee may require respondent to undergo psychiatric evaluations by a Division-appointed psychiatrist. The respondent shall pay the cost of therapy and evaluations.

D. MONITORING

Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision,

respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by another physician in respondent's field of practice, who shall provide periodic reports to the Division or its designee.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, respondent shall, within 15 days, move to have a new monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval by the Division or its designee.

Respondent is prohibited from engaging in solo practice.

E. DRUGS & ABSTAIN FROM USE

Respondent shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined by Section 4211 of the Business and Professions Code, or any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to respondent for a bona fide illness or condition by another practitioner.

F. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING

Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at respondent's cost, upon the request of the Division or its designee.

G. DIVERSION PROGRAM

It is acknowledged that respondent enrolled and has participated in the Division's Diversion Program continuously since February 28, 1992. He shall continue in the program until the Division determines that further treatment and rehabilitation

is no longer necessary. Quitting the program without permission or being expelled for cause shall constitute a violation of probation by respondent.

H. EDUCATION COURSE

Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval an educational program or course to be designated by the Division, which shall not be less than 40 hours per year, for each year of probation. This program shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education requirements for re-licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Division or its designee may administer an examination to test respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65 hours of continuing medical education of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition and were approved in advance by the Division or its designee.

I. ORAL CLINICAL OR WRITTEN EXAM

Respondent shall take and pass an oral clinical exam in a subject to be designated and administered by the Division, or its designee. This examination shall be taken within 90 days after the effective date of this decision. If respondent fails the first examination, respondent shall be allowed to take and pass a second examination, which may consist of a written as well as an oral examination. The waiting period between the first and second examinations shall be at least three months. If respondent fails to pass the first and second examinations, respondent may take a third and final examination after waiting a

period of one year. Failure to pass the oral clinical examination within 18 months after the effective date of this decision shall constitute a violation of probation. The respondent shall pay the costs of all examinations.

If respondent fails to pass the first examination, respondent shall be suspended from the practice of medicine until a repeat examination has been successfully passed, as evidenced by written notice to respondent from the Division or its designee.

J. MEDICAL EVALUATION

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Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Division or its designee, respondent shall undergo a medical evaluation by a Division-appointed physician who shall furnish a medical report to the Division or its designee.

If respondent is required by the Division or its designee to undergo medical treatment, respondent shall, within 30 days of the requirement notice, submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a physician of respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician, respondent shall undergo and continue medical treatment until further notice from the Division or its designee. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly reports to the Division or its designee indicating whether the respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely. The respondent shall pay the cost of the medical evaluation.

K. PROHIBITED PRACTICE

During probation, respondent is prohibited from

practicing obstetrics, including the delivery of babies. It is acknowledged that in his practice at the Fresno County Health Services agency, pregnant patients are seen but no deliveries occur there. Respondent shall at the earliest opportunity, refer such patients for obstetrical care. At the earliest opportunity, respondent shall inform applicable patients that respondent is unable to perform an indicated treatment or procedure.

L. OBEY ALL LAWS

Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.

M. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

N. PROBATION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of his or her addresses of business and residence which shall both serve as addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record.

Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than

thirty (30) days.

O. INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN(S)

Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

P. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE, RESIDENCE OR IN-STATE NON-PRACTICE

In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California or of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.

Q. COMPLETION OF PROBATION

Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

R. VIOLATION OF PROBATION

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the

Division, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

S. PROBATION COSTS

Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring for each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be made payable to the Board at the end of each fiscal year. Failure to pay such costs shall constitute a violation of probation. Such costs Shall not exceed 2400 or per year.

T. COST RECOVERY

The respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Division the amount of \$3,500.00 within ten months from the effective date of this decision for its investigative and prosecution costs. The sum of \$3,500.00 shall be paid in four quarterly installments of \$875.00. The first installment is due within thirty days from the effective date of this decision with each subsequent installment due within three months of the previous installment, and the last installment due within ten months of the effective date of the decision. Failure to reimburse the Division's cost of its investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probation order, unless the Division agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. The filing of bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of

his/her responsibility to reimburse the Division for its investigative and prosecution costs. U. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily tender his/her certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. March 6, 1796 Dated: DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General of the State of California JANA TUTON, Supervising Deputy Attorney General faus MARA FAUST Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant DATED: Feb 14, 1996 Attorney for Respondent

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MICHAEL JAMES REYNOLDS, Respondent

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14	Visalia Health Center) Visalia, California 93291)
15	Physician's & Surgeon's) Certificate No. A23823)
16	Respondent.
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18	Complainant, Dixon Arnett, alleges as follows:
19	1. He is the Executive Director of the Medical Board
20	of California (hereinafter "Board") and makes and files this
21	amended accusation solely in his official capacity.
22	2. On or about July 7, 1970, respondent Michael James
23	Reynolds, M.D. (hereinafter "respondent") was issued physician's
24	and surgeon's certificate number A23823 by the Board. At all
25	times pertinent herein, said certificate was and currently is, in
26	full force and effect.
27	3. Sections 2220 and 2234 of the Business and
	Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") provide in pertinent part,
28	that the Division of Medical Quality may take action against the

- 4. Section 125.3 of the Code provides that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate who has committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
- 5. Section 2234, subdivision (b) of the Code provides that gross negligence constitutes grounds for discipline.
- 6. Section 2234, subdivision (c) of the Code provides that repeated negligence acts constitute grounds for discipline.
- 7. Section 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code provides that incompetence constitutes grounds for discipline.
- 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to sections 2220 and 2234 of the code in that respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct within the meaning of sections 2234(b), (c), and (d) as follows:

A. <u>Patient A.F.</u>¹

(1) On July 13, 1991, at 10:30 a.m., A.F. (a primigravida) was admitted to Loma Linda University Hospital with a complaint of vaginal bleeding. The patient's estimated date of confinement to deliver her baby was July 12, 1991. A.F. was having 6 minute interval contractions of moderate intensity and "normal show" bleeding. A.F. was discharged at 11:00 a.m. At 2:00 p.m. the same day, A.F. returned, and an electronic fetal monitor (EFM) tracing was done revealing uterine irritability,

^{1.} The full names of patients referenced herein will be available to respondent upon request for discovery.

reduced variability, and decelerations, some which were late.

Respondent performed a vaginal exam and did an ultrasound screen at 4:35 p.m. Shortly thereafter A.F. was discharged.

- (2) On July 14, 1991, at 8:15 a.m. A.F. returned to the hospital with 2-4 minute contractions and passage of bloody fluid. The EFM strip reveals lack of variability with consistent late decelerations. Cesarian section was delayed from 8:40 to 9:38 as regional anesthesia was attempted. At 9:50 A.F. delivered a liveborn male weighing 3309 gms. with fetal asphyxia and profound abruptio placentae.
- (3) Respondent's failure to either review the EFM strip of July 13, 1991, or if he reviewed the strip, then respondent's failure to recognize an abnormal strip, each constitute gross negligences and/or incompetence.
- (4) Respondent's failure to do an emergency cesarean section on A.F. within a thirty minute interval of the EFM strip on July 14, 1991, constitutes negligence and/or incompetence.

B. <u>Patient</u> A.M.

(1) On August 18, 1991, 3:00 a.m., patient A.M. (a multigravida) was admitted to Loma Linda University Hospital, at 40-2/7 weeks into her pregnancy with a cervix at 2 cm, and 50% contractions at five minute intervals. At this same time A.M.'s membranes ruptured. At 7:45 a.m., the same day, respondent examined A.M. and applied the fetal scalp electrode to the fetus for the fetal heart monitor.

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- (2) At 10:15 a.m. of the same day a perinatologist saw A.M. after a prolonged deceleration where the recovery was good.
- (3) Respondent evaluated A.M. at 12:05 p.m., where her cervix was 7-8 cm. dilated, and +1 station. At 12:45 p.m. there were two "late decelerations" with "slow recovery". At 1:10 p.m., a variable deceleration occurred after A.M. had a contraction.
- (4) At 1:15 p.m. respondent attempted a vacuum assisted delivery without success. Respondent ordered forceps applied and that also didn't work. At 2:10 respondent noticed the caput (fetal scalp) was +2 station and the vertex -1 station as he ordered A.M. to be prepared for a cesarean section.
- (5) At 2:24 A.M. was delivered of a liveborn male weighing 3070 gms. but the infant had seizures. A CT scan of the infant revealed a hemorrhage along the tentorium.
- (6) Respondent's application of vacuumex tractor to bring a vertex down from 0 to +2 station constitutes gross negligence and/or incompetence.
- (7) Respondent's lack of ability to interpret the fetal heart monitor constitutes gross negligence and/or incompetence. The use of the vacuum and the use of forceps each constitute acts of gross negligence and/or incompetence.

C. Patient N.N.

(1) On February 15, 1992, at 12:40 p.m., patient N.N. (a multigravida) was admitted to Kaweah Delta District Hospital at approximately 41 weeks into her pregnancy.

Respondent induced labor of N.N. with prostin to the cervix.

N.N. developed frequent uterine contractions with reduced variability and some decelerations. Respondent then performed an emergency cesarean section on N.N. to deliver the baby. Respondent's failure to use oxytocin to induce labor rather than prostin, a prostaglandin, constitutes negligence.

D. Patient B.S.

(1) On January 26, 1992, patient B.S. (a primigravida) was admitted to Kaweah Delta District Hospital at 40 weeks into her pregnancy. Respondent handled B.S.'s delivery and allowed B.S. to remain in the second stage of pregnancy, completely dilated for five hours before commencing a vacuum assisted delivery. Respondent's failure to have re-evaluated B.S. after two hours of complete dilation and respondent's failure to consider an assisted delivery at that time constitutes negligence.

E. Patient C.R.

(1) On February 13, 1992, patient C.R. (a multigravida) was admitted to Kawea Delta District Hospital at 39 weeks into her pregnancy. Respondent handled C.R.'s delivery and mistakenly evaluated the fetus as a frank breech rather than a footling breech. Respondent assisted the vaginal delivery without forceps in the delivery room and without ultrasound or flat film taken to confirm the location of the fetal head. Respondent's failure to deliver the fetus caesarean section for a footling breech and/or his failure to determine the location of the fetal head constitutes negligence.

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1 F. The acts set forth in paragraphs A (3-5), B 2 (6-7), C, D, and E or any combination thereof, constitute 3 repeated negligent acts in violation of Code section 2234(c). WHEREFORE, COMPLAINANT PRAYS that the Medical Board 4 5 hold a hearing on the matters alleged herein and following said hearing issue a decision: 6 Revoking or suspending physician's and surgeon's 7 certificate number A23823 heretofore issued to respondent Michael 8 9 James Reynolds, M.D. 10 Prohibiting respondent from supervising 11 physician's assistants; and 12 Taking such other and further action as it deems proper, including the payment of reasonable costs of 13 investigation and prosecution. 14 August 7, 1995 15 DATED: 16 17 Medical Board of California 18 State of California 19 Complainant 20 c:\faust\reynolds.acc 21 22 23 程 第八人物 🖺 24 25 26

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